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SUBJ: UNDER SECRETARY HABIB RECEIVES CONSERVATIVE KOREAN
CHRISTIANS

REF: SEOUL 4456

1. IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS REPORTED REFTEL, ON MAY 26
UNDER SECRETARY HABIB ALSO RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF LEADERS
OF THE KOREAN CHRISTIAN AD HOC POLICY COMMITTEE. THE
COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF MORE CONSERVATIVE PROTESTANT CHURCHES,
INCLUDING SOME PARISHES OF CHURCHES WHICH ARE ATTACHED TO
THE KNCC. DELEGATION CONSISTED OF REVS. KANG SHIM-MYUNG,
JI WON-SANG, AND HAN YUNG-CHUL.

2. THE DELEGATION EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER PROSPECTS
FOR KOREA'S SECURITY IF U.S. TROOPS WERE WITHDRAWN. THE
UNDER SECRETARY NOTED THAT U.S. TROOPS HAD BEEN IN KOREA
FOR ABOUT 25 YEARS AND THAT NO ONE EXPECTED THAT THEY WOULD
REMAIN FOREVER. GROUND FORCES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN GRADUALLY
WHILE KOREAN FORCES, WHICH ARE ALREADY STRONG, WOULD BE
ASSISTED TO BECOME EVEN STRONGER. THE U.S. AIR FORCE WOULD
REMAIN AND TOGETHER WITH KOREAN FORCES WOULD CONTINUE TO
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CONSTITUTE A FORMIDABLE DETERRENT TO POTENTIAL AGGRESSION.
IN ADDITION, THE UNDER SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT THE U.S.
COMMITMENT TO KOREAN SECURITY HAD BEEN REAFFIRMED BY THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

3. THE PASTORS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE WITHDRAWAL MIGHT
HAVE AN ADVERSE PSYCHOLOGICAL AFFECT ON THE KOREAN PUBLIC.

THE UNDER SECRETARY REPLIED THAT THE U.S. HAD CONFIDENCE IN KOREA'S ABILITY TO FULLY MEET THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES THE WITHDRAWAL OF GROUND FORCES MIGHT POSE, AND ADDED THAT THE KOREANS SHOULD HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEMSELVES - ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS.

4. THE PASTORS THNKED THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR SQUEEZING THEM IN HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE AND FOR GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH HIM.
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